



# BROWSE

News from the Ontario Goat Breeders' Association  
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## Government Funding Available to the Goat Industry in Ontario *submitted by Garry Claassen*

Through 2 programs that are available in Ontario, the goat industry can access government funding for goat related studies.

### *The "Red Meat" industry sector*

The red meat sector allocated funding under the Canada-Ontario Research and Development program is 31% of the \$35 million plus an enhancement of \$5 million (wedge funding) for a total of \$9.65 million.

Under previous Cord programs, funds were allocated using 'farm gate receipts' data from Stats-Can. This allocation system is again used for Cord IV. However this round the committee also allocated a "Multi Sector Project Fund" for sector groups to apply to with partners or individually.

Under Cord IV there is a direct allocation of \$30,000 for the goat industry. The "Multi Sector Project Fund" is \$443,000.

All eligible and approved projects must have their funds spent by March 31, 2008. Projects can be back-dated to April 1, 2004.

Project submissions should be made to the Red Meat sector committee first. Upon approval at the committee level projects will be forwarded to AAC for final approval. AAC administers the Cord IV funds.

### *ACAAF program (CAN-ADVANCE)*

On November 8, 2004 a five-year funding package worth \$36.7 million to AAC was announced by the Federal Government under the ACAA Program.

The ACAA program (in Ontario CAN-ADVANCE) focuses on the following 3 pillars:

**Pillar 1:** Industry led solutions to emerging issues. Applied research projects on emerging issues that are recognized as an industry priority will be considered for funding, provided the results will be shared broadly among stakeholders.

**Pillar 2:** Capturing market opportunities by advancing research results. Projects should complement the work under the APF Science and Innovation element by focusing on improving the transfer of research.

**Pillar 3:** Sharing information to advance the sector. Funding will not be provided to support on-going activities unless this activity

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### Interested in being a Director?

Article VI of the current Constitution (October 2001) states that persons interested in becoming Directors must submit application to the Secretary by December 31 of each year.

If more than three (3) members indicate their desire to represent any given District, voting ballots will be mailed to each members in that District by January 31 of the following year and these members will be given a period of one (1) month to vote for up to three (3) Directors to represent their District.

Directors will assume office at the first Annual General Meeting following the election and after the conclusion of business of the retiring Board of Directors at that meeting.

is part of a broader suite of activities included in a project that is designed to achieve a specific outcome.

Under Can-Advance funding is available as a grant, loan or loan guarantee. However fair cost sharing is required (generally funding request should not exceed 50% of eligible cost). Only not-for-profit organizations can include in kind contributions.

Project proposals can also be submitted under a "Collective Outcome" proposal. They must meet the requirements of 1 of the 3 pillars. Projects must involve as many collaborators/partners as possible (other provinces/territories) and involve a national organization where possible.

More information about these programs, together with application forms, can be found at [www.adaptcouncil.org](http://www.adaptcouncil.org). If further information is required, do not hesitate to contact me at [claassen@wightman.ca](mailto:claassen@wightman.ca) or by calling 519-357-5744.

### **This and That - Miscellaneous Goat Notes**

*by Ed Cavanagh*

#### **Communication**

Lately I've given a lot of thought to the term "communication". When representing your association communication is very important. As goat breeders we need to be cognitive of what we say and do. The impact on the goat industry depends on it.

As many of you are aware communication can be intentional or unintentional. Individuals usually plan their words carefully before they ask the question or offer constructive criticism. Not all communication is so deliberate, however. Sooner or later we all carelessly make a comment that would have gone better unsaid. Perhaps you lose your temper and blurt out a remark that you later regret, or maybe your private remarks are overheard by a bystander. In addition to these slips of the tongue, we unintentionally send many nonverbal messages. You may not be aware of your sour expression, impatient shifting, or sign of boredom, but others see them regardless and judge you even though they have no idea what is going through your mind. Be aware of what you are communicating to others, it may not be what you had intended. Just some thoughts.

#### **Notes from the Past**

An interesting note in the "Browse" May edition of 1959:

There was to be a field day at the Ontario Agricultural College, in Guelph, May 30th, 1959. Topics of discussion were as follows: demodex mange, type classification, characteristics and classification program, workshop on type characteristics, illustrated lecture on California trip presented by Mrs. Mac Alexander.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS**

#### **An OGBA Director:**

Is a Board member for a two year term;  
Will maintain full membership with the OGBA;  
Will strive to attend Annual & Semi-Annual meetings;  
Will maintain residence within the District represented;  
Will liaise with OGBA members in that District;  
Will assist with decision-making and committee work that is the responsibility of the Board of Directors;  
Will maintain a high moral and ethical standard and work in the best interests of the OGBA and its membership.

Objectives of the Ontario Dairy Goat Society (now known as OGBA):

- (a) To circulate knowledge and general information upon goats.
- (b) To extend and encourage the keeping of goats, so as to increase the supply and consumption of milk.
- (c) To improve the various breeds of goats and especially to develop those qualities which are generally recognized and valued in milch stock. (Yes, milch stock!)

The membership fee was \$2.00 per year. ODGS's own goat paper was sent free to members or 25 cents per single copy. Block advertisement was listed as \$1.00 per insertion. Classified adverts were 2 cents per word, with a minimum of 50 cents.

The president of ODGS (OGBA) was none other than M. Alexander ..... yes that is right ..... Rosegate Farms is still in existence today - Bill and Sue Alexander who milk a huge commercial herd of very fine Saanens. Now it's 2005; I think that is certainly continuity, don't you?

Next issue (space permitting) I will begin introducing you to OGBA directors and breeders both big and small in Ontario. Also to be included are those who may not have goats at present but were very involved in OGBA in the past. Pictures included.

#### **Intropion**

Intropion or inverted eyelids, is a little known condition that occurs in many species of livestock. It is the rolling inwards of eyelids. In most instances, it is the lower eyelid in kids, but can be both top and bottom and in both eyes. I have not recognized any relationship to bucks, does, singles or multiples, but I have noticed it more often in Nubians than any other breed.

Check your kids eyes closely at birth; it can be hard to see. Watch for watery eyes early on. The eyes will weep or tear from the abrasion of the hair against the eye. As soon as you notice the eyelid rolled in, take a dry paper towel, completely unroll the eyelid and thoroughly dry the area that had rolled in, holding it in place against the eye. The longer you wait, the harder and more times you will have to unroll and dry.

The eyelids are inverted at birth and if unrolled right away and dried, it normally stays put. It is when you don't notice it for a few days or weeks that the condition becomes harder to treat and in severe cases, will ulcerate the eye and cause blindness.

This is more of a problem in sheep, as I am sure they go unnoticed for sometime. There are clips available on the market for sheep. They are put in horizontally, just below the lid, pinching the skin vertically, causing the eyelid to unroll. In some severe cases, veterinarians have actually done surgery to correct the eyes.

### **OGBA Farm Signs AVAILABLE**

We have an inventory of OGBA Ontario Goat Producer Farm signs available for sale at a special price. These are the older design, with dairy and Angora goats. Sorry, no meat goat. Meat goat producers may wish to wait until the new design is released, which will include a meat goat. For the rest of you, we offer this double-sided metal sign 41 x 12.5 cm (5" x 16"), pre-drilled with mounting bracket, for the low, low price of \$10 including postage! It doesn't get any better than that! When these signs were first produced, they were sold for \$25 each. We want to move them out so we can get the new ones in. To order, send your cheque to the OGBA Secretary.

# OFAC Issue Update: New Rules for Transporting Non-ambulatory Livestock

## *Non-ambulatory Animals Cannot be Loaded, Transported or Unloaded: Regulations*

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has proposed a regulatory amendment to the Health of Animals Act. The amendment will make it illegal to load, transport and unload nonambulatory animals, except for veterinary treatment. Non-ambulatory animals will have to be euthanized on-farm. If an animal goes down on a vehicle they will have to be either killed on the vehicle or, if arriving at an abattoir, will have to be stunned then removed, unconscious, from the vehicle.

## *Non-ambulatory Animals Cannot be Loaded, Transported or Unloaded: Policy Change: Effective February 1, 2005*

CFIA has already revised its policy to support the existing wording and the proposed changes to the Health of Animals Act. The revised policy calls for appropriate enforcement action in response to the loading, unloading or transport of non-ambulatory animals. The complete policy can be found at: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/heasan/transport/polie.shtml>

## *Only Healthy Animals Must be Loaded*

It is an offence to load an animal that “cannot be transported without undue suffering during the expected journey.” The proposed amendment and updated policy clarify that nonambulatory animals are included in this definition. CFIA inspectors will be examining animals in transit and at final destinations. If it can be demonstrated that the animal was unfit for transport and should not have been loaded, inspectors will be conducting investigations and applying administrative monetary penalties (AMPs).

## *Certificates No Longer Available for Transporting Non-ambulatory Animals*

The new revised policy means the end to Certificates for Direct Transport to Slaughter for nonambulatory animals. The loading of non-ambulatory livestock or causing such an animal to be loaded, including issuing a veterinary certificate, is in contravention of the regulations.

## *Common Questions & Answers*

1. What is a non-ambulatory animal?

A non-ambulatory animal is an animal that is unable to stand without assistance or to walk without being dragged or carried. An animal is defined as bovine, caprine, equine, ovine or porcine species.

2. What is a compromised animal?

An animal that is sick and/or injured, too young or too old to be transported without causing it unnecessary suffering. A non-ambulatory animal is a serious type of compromised animal.

3. Any exceptions to the new rules?

Non-ambulatory animals can be moved for veterinary treatment.

4. What happens with a non-ambulatory animal at .....

- The farm? Non-ambulatory animals should be humanely euthanized on farm. They can be moved to a veterinary clinic for treatment with veterinary supervision.

- A livestock community sale? Non-ambulatory animals arriving at a livestock community sale will be held by the Lay Inspector and referred to an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Appointed Veterinarian. The veterinarian will determine the plan of action,

which may include veterinary treatment.

- A provincially inspected plant? When a non-ambulatory animal arrives at a provincial slaughter plant, it will be held until inspected by an OMAF Appointed Veterinarian. If not approved for slaughter (with exceptions for BSE testing), it will be stunned and when unconscious removed from the truck to be sent to deadstock. If approved for slaughter, the carcass will be held until the CFIA completes an investigation to determine whether an offence has been committed (i.e. if the animal was not fit for transport).

- A federally inspected plant? A similar procedure will be followed, with the CFIA Veterinarian on-site to conduct an evaluation of the animal’s fitness for transport. If the animal is euthanized on the truck, a CFIA veterinarian does not need to be present. Note that exceptions apply with respect to non-ambulatory cattle (BSE) for testing and other species if there is suspicion of a notifiable disease. If the animal is not wanted to enter the food chain (by the transporter or plant staff) it can be euthanized on the truck and disposed of in the “inedibles” area of the plant.

5. Who is responsible for humane transportation?

When animals leave the farm, it is the producer’s and trucker’s responsibility (including the corporation that employs them) to ensure that only fit animals are loaded. Animals need to be in good condition and can be loaded, unloaded, and transported without unnecessary suffering. During transit, it is the responsibility of the driver and the company that employs them to ensure that animals are coping with the stress of transportation and non-ambulatory animals are dealt with quickly and appropriately.

6. Does the revised compromised policy and/or regulation change just apply to animals going to federally inspected plants?

The revised policy and amended regulations governing animal transport apply to all livestock transported anywhere in Canada, into Canada and out of Canada.

7. What if an animal goes down on the truck?

If an animal goes down on the truck, the driver must deal with it as soon as possible by driving to a facility where the animal can be

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## PRODUCTION MANUALS

Manual #1 - Let's make a Decision

Aimed at the new or novice goatkeeper, or anyone thinking about raising goats, this manual has everything you need to know, starting with selecting stock to record-keeping charts. It is written by goatkeepers, for goatkeepers, in terms that everyone can understand.

Manual #2 - How the Industry Grows

This manual has been produced for the more experienced goatkeeper. It is a more in-depth look at products and marketing. Topics include: grading meat goats, assessing a live goat's body condition, Grade A requirements for shipping milk, and faults in raw mohair. The writers of this manual have over 50 years combined experience in raising goats.

Prices:	OGBA Members	Non-Members
Manual #1	\$25.00	\$35.00
Manual #2	\$25.00	\$35.00

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treated, euthanized and/or slaughtered. Animals must be stunned on the truck. Truck drivers are encouraged to record any animals that do not look good (i.e., compromised) that are more likely to go down during transportation, when they load the animals at the farm.

8. What if a veterinarian issues a certificate to move a non-ambulatory animal?

The loading of non-ambulatory livestock is in contravention of the Health of Animals Regulations, subsection 138 (2) (a). Causing such an animal to be loaded, such as by issuing a veterinary certificate, is also in contravention of the same subsection. The provincial government is in the process of addressing the discrepancy between the federal and provincial legislation.

9. What enforcement actions may the CFIA take?

If the CFIA is able to determine that a non-ambulatory animal was loaded and/or unloaded, they may charge anyone who was part of the chain that contributed to the offence. This means that the driver, the trucking company, producer and/or a processor may be charged. CFIA have trained a number of staff in issuing Administrative Monetary Penalties for animal transport violations. A fine is determined through the AMP process; an AMP can be as high at \$4000.00 per contravention. Severe cases will be sent to court instead of being handled with an AMP. It is the decision of CFIA Enforcement and Investigation Services how to proceed.

### **Background**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) conducted a national multi-stakeholder consultation on the transportation of livestock that are non-ambulatory or at risk of becoming non-ambulatory during transport to the following sectors:

- Producers • Livestock Transporters or Forwarders • Processors
- Rest Stops • Federal and Provincial Governments • Animal Protection Organizations • Veterinarians/Veterinary Associations • Researchers • Livestock Specialists • Retail/Consumer Groups •

The CFIA concluded that the small potential salvage value of these animals did not justify the animal suffering, human health hazards, reduced meat quality and negative image of the Canadian livestock industry that was associated with the loading of non-ambulatory livestock. For more information: visit the CFIA website: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/heasan/transport/indexe.shtml>

### **Questions?**

Contact Crystal Mackay, Ontario Farm Animal Council (905) 821-3880 Email: [cmackay@ofac.org](mailto:cmackay@ofac.org) [www.ofac.org](http://www.ofac.org)

## SUMMER GOAT SHOWS IN ONTARIO

Gloucester Fair Dairy Goat Show - June 18  
Fair info line 613-774-2671 or 613-741-3247.

Delta Goat Show - July - date TBA  
Contact Ed Cavanagh 613-275-2113.

Almonte Goat Show - July 24  
Ed Cavanagh 613-275-2113, Daphne Lane 613-256-7826.

Lakefield Dairy Goat Show - July 24  
Contact E. Bullock

Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Dairy Goat Show - August 6  
Doris Brady 705-426-2043, Paddy Jordens 705-448-2657.

Stirling Fair Goat Show - August 11 - 12 (tent. date)  
Phone Ron Denyes 613-395-5140.

Drayton Fair Goat Show - August 12 - 14 (tent.)  
Phone 519-848-5329, email [dianne.agsoc@sympatico.ca](mailto:dianne.agsoc@sympatico.ca)

Youth Clipping & Showing Competition - August 20  
Contact Andrew Hansford 519-289-2452 or Gerard McNeill 905-765-2020.

Dunnville Dairy Goat Show - August 28  
Contact Pat Logan

Fergus Dairy Goat Show - September 18  
Contact P. Klein.

Wallacetown Dairy Goat & 4-H Show - September 30  
Contact Tara Lethbridge phone 519-762-2333 or email [tletbridge@summitfoods.com](mailto:tletbridge@summitfoods.com)

Perth fair goat show - date TBA  
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Spencerville Fair - date TBA  
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Markdale fair - date TBA  
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Those in the Eastern Region of Ontario may be interested in a

## SEMINAR at Port Elmsley, Ontario on June 25th

11 a.m. until 2 p.m. \$10 per person with lunch included. There will also be door prizes.

### **Speakers include:**

Anita O'Brien-Sheep and Goat Specialist for OMAF - *Out of season breeding options & management of the young doe.*

Vanessa Taylor-Milk Quality Assurance Program for OMAF - *Milking hygiene and techniques*

Dr. Steve Scott DVM - Perth Veterinary Clinic - *Housing and ventilation*

Barry Robinson - Dodds and Erwin-Perth - *Dairy Certified Nutritional Advisor*

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